



## AJA News – 06.10.23

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### A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone,  
I hope that you have all had a good week.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from Mr Hughes and Mrs Hainsworth, our CEO and Director of Education. They spent a long time talking to the children to find out what they had been learning this term. All the children from Year 3 to Y6 spoke very confidently about many things that have been going on in their classroom. Enjoyment of maths lessons came out strongly as did reading. The Year 3 children were very keen to talk about their iPads and what they have been using them for. Year 4 spoke very enthusiastically about the Lenny Henry event. Year 5 are especially enjoying the Tudors and Y6 spoke very knowledgably about World War 2. Our visitors also commented on how well the children were behaved and how smartly they were all dressed. It was a very good day!

Have a restful weekend everyone!

Mr Dunn

### A message from Mrs Bower

Well done to the AJA footballers who won their first match of the season this week!



Yesterday, it was National Poetry Day. I really enjoyed hearing a selection of poems that the children wrote following their session on Teams with poet Mark Grist. Once the poetry display is finished, I will send you a photo and some examples of the wonderful pieces of writing across the school. I also enjoyed hearing the Head Pupil speeches! The five candidates did an amazing job!

Our highest players on TT Rockstars this week were: Joe, Theresa and Billy! Well done! Wishing you all a lovely weekend. See you on Monday!

### Important Dates

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**3.30pm – 4.30pm**

**5pm – 6pm**

Year 2 Welcome Evening

Ready for new Year 3 next year!

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Parents' Evening

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

School photographs

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Last day of term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

First day of term

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Parent workshop

Zones of Regulation

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

INSET Day

School closed for pupils

### Attendance

This week's attendance

**94.96%**

Highest class attendance

**98.7%**

**Well done Talented Turtles class!**

Times Tables Rockstar

**Resilient Robins**

Sumdog

**Confident chameleons**

# What's been happening this week?

## Year 3



Our Year 3's have been super stars again this week. We had a visit from our CEO and Director of Education from Harmony Trust on Wednesday. They were very impressed with the Year 3's confidence, behaviour and learning attitudes - well done! This week the iPads were sent home. 3MK's will be going home on Monday or Tuesday when they have completed the final iPad training video. Please see my user guide I have sent out on Dojo as this will answer most iPad questions/troubleshooting queries. Do not worry about the TTRS, Sumdog and Ed Shed competitions yet, as children become more confident and more adept to using their new technology, we will start promoting class winners. Baby steps! Have a super weekend and see you all Monday.

## Year 4



Year 4 have had an excellent week! We have published our playscripts and they look fantastic! In maths we have been focusing on weight and how to convert from grams to kilograms. Science was very fun, where we explored the properties of shaving foam and different gels to determine whether they were liquids or solids. History compared the brutal Spartans with the artistic people of Athens in ancient Greece. We debated the Hindu belief of reincarnation after death and discussed the repercussions of leading a dishonest and greedy lifestyle. in RE. We have also learned some fun ways to practise our spellings this week - keep up the effort on EdShed! Thank you for all your hard work this week - the Year 4 team.

## Year 5



Y5 are continuing their super start to the year and continuing to impress the teachers with their great attitude! We've had a lovely treat this week, taking part in the 'Meet the Author' event with Lenny Henry. The children had the chance to listen to him explain the writing process, talk about his favourite authors, and even shared a few jokes! We are just waiting for the last few books to arrive before we can send them all out. In English, we have completed our story retell (on pirate paper obviously!) so the teachers will have a great time reading all these amazing stories over the weekend. In maths, we have been working on column multiplication skills, building up to larger numbers as the week has gone on. Ask the children about Katherine Johnson, the person we have been reading about in our shared reading lessons. She is one of the people we will be learning more about as part of our work on Black History month. Have a lovely weekend.

## Year 6



It was wonderful to hear the children discussing and sharing their learning with Mr Hughes, CEO, during his visit this week. They were clearly knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their history learning as well as sharing their thoughts on the whole curriculum! A highlight every week, this term, has been the fencing lessons which are run by Premier Sports, the skills and techniques are improving weekly, and we can't wait for the mini competition later this term. We are very much looking forward to reading the children's narrative about a young lad, Joe, who goes to support the evacuation at Dunkirk in one of the 'Little Ships'. This project combines our English focus with our history which was learning about the reasons why the evacuation of Dunkirk was required and whether it was something we should have been proud of or not - an interesting discussion! In maths, we have been working on 2-digit multiplication, quite challenging but knowing the times tables makes the process a little easier. Wishing you all a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the Parent Consultations soon.